

**REMARKS**

The claims and the specification have been amended solely for the purpose of complying with United States rules of practice. The amendments do not introduce new matter, and they are fully supported by the specification and the claims as originally filed. Entry pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 is therefore respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

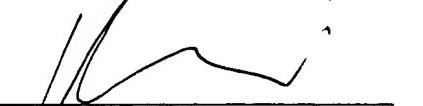
Withdrawal of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is respectfully requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (415) 781-1989.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 50-2319 (Docket No. A-33999/US (473299-00039)).

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